

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY J.
STAGLIANO

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my friend Anthony Stagliano's 50th year in America. Fifty years ago a 9-year-old Anthony said goodbye to his father in Naples, Italy and boarded a ship to the United States of America. Little Anthony came to America seeking a land of opportunity and found it in Philadelphia. Anthony quickly mastered the English language and went on to graduate from Bok Vocational High School.

Anthony is a devoted family man married to his beloved American beauty Joanne. They have been fortunate to be blessed with four children—Maria, Angela, Gina, and Anthony, Jr. who have each graduated from college.

Anthony Stagliano served his country in the United States Army from 1961–1963. He also took an interest in civic affairs, having served as a committee person for over 30 years. He was an exemplar Temple University Corrections officer, Philadelphia Housing Authority officer, and was on the Court tipstaff. He is currently serving the Philadelphia City Council as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

It is an honor to recognize a person who exemplifies the positive impact immigrants can have on the United States. Anthony's service to the City of Philadelphia, military service, and wonderful family are to be praised. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Anthony Stagliano for his 50 years of contribution to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2006, I missed rollcall votes numbered 436 and 437. Rollcall vote 436 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 5428, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Morris Post Office Building." Rollcall vote 437 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 175, a bill to recognize the importance of establishing a national memorial at the World Trade Center site to commemorate and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 436 and 437.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT (H.R. 4157)

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of health information technology, which

holds great promise for reducing medical errors, lowering costs, expediting diagnoses and treatments, and facilitating quality care. However, I must oppose this legislation due to the complete lack of a mechanism for safeguarding patient privacy, opening up the dangerous possibility of identity theft or personal infringement.

Estimates vary as to the amount of money that health information technology will save our healthcare system, but it could surely be in the tens of billions of dollars. Making health information accessible electronically by health care providers with the proper clearance would improve the quality of care by getting providers to patients' medical history quickly and efficiently. This would reduce medical errors, increase patient satisfaction, and decrease the number of lawsuits.

Unfortunately, the bill that the House passed will not accomplish any of these goals. Providers do not have access to any funding assistance, which they will need to purchase health information technology. We should be making grants and loans available to physicians so that they can take advantage of the promise of health IT, realizing the promise of improved care.

A larger problem is that this bill will jeopardize the privacy of medical records. We have all seen the unconscionable and irresponsible loss of sensitive personal information by federal agencies like the Veterans Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Department of Transportation. This loss of personal information is a breach of trust by the federal government. Passing this legislation without reasonable privacy safeguards will only put patients at greater risk.

We should be doing more to protect the patients' names, medical history, and financial information. Unfortunately, this legislation abdicates that responsibility. The Rules Committee even disallowed consideration of amendments to accomplish that reasonable and important goal. Whereas the Senate worked on a bipartisan basis to pass a comprehensive and responsible bill, the House has wasted an opportunity to improve healthcare and reduce costs for all Americans.

I support health information technology, and I believe in the promise that it holds. Unfortunately, I cannot support legislation that makes American patients more likely to have their personal information stolen and their privacy violated.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for reappointment to be general and to be Commander, U.S. European Command, Vice Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN for appointment to be admiral and to be Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

SH-216

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine understanding the financial and human impact of criminal activity relating to the cost of crime.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine combating child pornography by eliminating pornographers' access to the financial payment system.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine if terrorist cells are forming in U.S. cell blocks relating to prison radicalization.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine online child pornography.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine U.S. international broadcasts into Iran, focusing on financial investment of the American taxpayer for international broadcasting into Iran, whether the appropriate management and accountability controls exist within U.S. international broadcasting, and whether the content of the broadcasts promote international security and U.S. foreign policy.

SD-342